



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

"Strive, Believe, Achieve"

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Our school Values

Honesty ~ Excellence ~ Respect ~ Resilience ~ Perseverance

Our Moral Purpose - Students will be able to choose a life that has meaning.

Warracknabeal Secondary College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

*Term 1 Week 7
16th March,
2017*

I trust that everyone had an enjoyable and restful long weekend. I certainly appreciated the extra day at home however was quickly brought back to reality when I realised there is just over two weeks left in the term. With not long to go, I encourage all students to continue to make the most of each day, attending school and engaging in learning. The finish line and a two-week break is not far away!

Tomorrow we are having some promotional videos being filmed in partnership with Teach for Australia. This will involve approximately 15 students who will be able to get some valuable experience in front of a camera. The focus of this film is to give students a clear voice and communicate it in an engaging way. Whilst I'm sure the editing process may take some time, I look forward to sharing the final product.

The School Council are going through a process of updating our approved contractor lists for 2017-2018. I have contacted a number of contractors that we currently work with or have worked with in the past in the areas of electrical, plumbing, gas-fitting and refrigeration. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in working at the school in these areas, please get them to contact me for information about the application process.

Michael Briggs-Miller

Principal

Absence Hotline - [5398 1433](tel:53981433) Or email

Charmaine – Mon, Tues and Fri - wilson.charmaine.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Chelsea – Wed and Thurs - smith.chelsea.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

Please notify the school by 12 noon on the day of the absence.

ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Heath Schulz

Relay for life.

Thanks to all students, staff and families for their support for the 2017 Relay for life. Currently we have raised approximately \$1,500 with fundraising efforts still continuing. Information has been distributed to students and we are looking forward to an enjoyable event! A big shout out to Trent King, Chelsie King and Zach Winsall who will be playing on stage again this year.

Drumbeats.

Next week I will be out of the school until Thursday completing a course called DRUMBEAT in Melbourne. This course focuses on different relationship themes such as identity and social responsibility, values, dealing with emotions, peer pressure, harmony, communication and teamwork, all while playing a drum called a djembe. I will be attending this with Greg McKinnon and we are very excited to bring this back to the students at WSC.

Camps Sports and Excursions Fund.

A reminder to all families that have a valid healthcare card, you may be eligible for \$225 to assist in paying for costs associated with many Camps, sports and other excursions. Specifically, in the senior school there has been two Outdoor Education trips, English Study day, Studio Art excursion and interschool swimming. In the coming terms there will be the Y10 Melbourne trip, Charlton driving school, Energy Breakthrough and many more. Please see the attached form at the end of the newsletter and if you have any queries please contact the office on 5398 1433.

Heath Schulz

Acting Assistant Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – WHITNEY MUNROE

This week is passing quickly due to the long weekend and the shorter school week! We have a few exciting events taking place over the next couple of weeks that our students will be involved in.

On Friday, **Teach For Australia** will be coming to film some short videos of students to promote regional schools across their networks. Our Year 7 and 8 students will be participating in these videos by answering questions such as:

- What do you remember about your first day of school?
- What do you want to be when you grow up and why?
- What does resilience mean to you?
- If you were a principal for a day, what would you do and why?

These videos will be featured online in the coming months – keep a lookout for them on our website!

We also have **athletics day** coming up and our students will be able to participate, compete and show their best sportsmanship on the day. We are looking forward to another exceptional sports event.

Relay for Life is happening this weekend and many of our students are getting involved to support the organisation. This is an excellent opportunity for students to connect, share, and contribute to a meaningful cause. I will also be attending, so I look forward to seeing students and families there.

Our first Motorsport event will be taking place in Stawell on the weekend of 25th March and about 10 of our students will be attending. Many of these students are involved in the Mechanics class at school and they are greatly looking forward to being involved in the Motorsport program.

We are constantly looking for ways to connect with the community and engage our students in programs outside of school. If you have any ideas or opportunities that students could get involved with, please contact me!

Whitney Munroe

Assistant Principal of Middle School

To Parents/Guardians of Year 11 students:

Apologies from the office if you have received 2 invoices for your Semester 1 School Fees – Your account has only been charged once.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements.
- CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.
- If you hold a valid means-tested **concession card** or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.
- The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students **How to Apply:** Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or print and return the form located at the end of the newsletter.

'Bridges Out of Poverty'

Staff from several regional schools, including local schools, will be attending a valuable professional development program titled 'Bridges Out of Poverty' to be held at Warracknabeal Secondary College. This will cause some disruption to our school program with several of our staff attending.

Arrangements are -

Thursday 23rd March - Year 7 and 8 students will NOT be required at school (Years 9, 10, 11, 12 attend normal classes).

Friday 24th March - Years 9, 10, 11 will NOT be required at school (Years 7, 8 and 12 attend normal classes).

School Production

It is with great excitement that I announce that for the first time in nearly **TEN** years WSC will be producing a stage play for all school students to participate in! The chosen stage play for the school production will be announced at the next general assembly and auditions will commence at the end of Term 1.

This is an amazing opportunity for all students at WSC and I will have more information in coming weeks!

I would also like to encourage all students who think they might want to be a part of the school production to come along to Drama Club (Thursdays on the stage at Lunch). Drama Club is a fantastic opportunity for you to play drama games, act, express yourself and have **FUN!**

Hope to see you there!

Natalie Gordon

Drama Teacher & School Production Director.

WELLBEING REPORT:

It has been another full week here at Warracknabeal Secondary College and it doesn't look like it's going to slow down before the end of our first term here at school. This term has been a flying start to the year, with great events like the swimming sports and year 7 camp. The school community just seems to be going from strength to strength.

It has been amazing to see so many students being awarded with young achiever awards so far this year. Awards have been given for things like, excelling in the classroom, showing respect and including others, and for showing resilience and not giving up on things.

Something else that I am very excited about is the **YARRIAMBIACK YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS**. These awards have a wide range of categories and some fantastic prizes and awards. Award categories include things like health & wellbeing, youth leadership, community service and social impact among many others. So if you know of any young people in this great shire that are doing some good work and you think they should be recognised, I could not encourage you enough to visit the Yarriambiack website and fill in a nomination form.

www.yarriambiack.vic.gov.au

Greg McKinnon

WSC Student Wellbeing Worker.

[Like us on Facebook.](#)



We are up to 810 LIKES on the Warracknabeal Secondary College Facebook page. If you haven't already "liked" our page make sure you do so you can get updates on what's happening around the school.

SPORTS REPORT

Greater Western Region Junior Golf Tournament

Year 9 students Dane and Lachlan Stewart travelled to Horsham to participate in the Greater Western Region Junior Golf Tournament last Friday. Both students played particularly well with Lachlan finishing in first place on 40, and Dane third with 60.



Thanks to David Stewart who travelled with the 2 boys on the day.

Greater Western Region Swimming Tournament

I would like to wish Lily Eldridge and William Drage good luck, as they will compete at Ballarat tomorrow in the Greater Western Region Swimming Championships. Both students are excited to challenge themselves at a high standard of competition.

Interhouse Athletics

Even though swimming is still continuing, we are also into athletics. Trials will be held tomorrow for years 7, 8 and 9 during periods 4, 5 and 6. Make sure you bring appropriate attire, a water bottle and a hat. Full details are available on Edmodo. The Interhouse Athletics Carnival will be on Tuesday, March 28 at Anzac Park. Friends and family are welcome to come along and support the students.

Term 2 Sport

All students are reminded to keep an eye on Edmodo for sports notices. We are now seeking names for all term 2 sports events, including;

- Football – boys and girls, all year levels
- Netball – boys and girls, all year levels
- Basketball - boys and girls, years 9 to 12

Please be reminded that if you put your name down for a sport you are committing to participating and paying for that event. Entries close on Monday, March 27.

Cross country will also be held in week 4 of next term, so students might like to start thinking about getting in some training beforehand!

Careers Report

Deakin University Experience Days – Step on Campus

During Term 1 School holidays students are invited to experience Deakin University. Students will be taken on a 45-minute tour of their chosen campus, where they will find out more about university life, study areas and be able to gain a feel for the campus from their tour guide, a current Deakin student!

Where: Geelong (Waurm Ponds and Waterfront), Melbourne Burwood and Warrnambool Campuses

When: Every Monday and Thursday of the school holidays

Time: 10.00 am and 3.00 pm

For registrations and to find out more about [Step on Campus](http://deakin.edu.au/steponcampus), visit deakin.edu.au/steponcampus

Experience Latrobe Registrations now open.

Registrations for the first Experience La Trobe event at our Melbourne campus in Bundoora are [now open](#).

Set to take place on Friday 7 April, the event gives students and their parents the chance to immerse themselves in La Trobe life. There are over 60 dynamic workshops available in a broad range of study areas, introducing students to real academics and classroom environments.

With campus tours, free catering, prizes and entertainment all part of the day, Experience La Trobe is an event that should not be missed.

Students and parents are encouraged to [register online](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events/) to choose their sessions before they fill up. Register at: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events/>

Top Arts

Folio preparation and skills development at the National Gallery of Victoria, Federation Square
Ideal for students studying VCE and are looking for guidance and inspiration to help prepare their folios and assessment pieces. Led by Deakin University's senior design lecturer within the School of Communication and Creative Arts, this hands on, collaborative session is a unique opportunity to work with likeminded creative individuals and will give students the confidence needed to become a successful creative arts practitioner.

Date: July 15

Cost: \$9 (1.5 hrs, NGVA)

Further details and registration information will be available soon at ngv.vic.gov.au/exhibition/top-arts-2017/

Young Endeavour Youth Scheme

Applications are now open for young Australians aged 16-23 to join a voyage in the national sail training ship Young Endeavour.

A voyage in the Young Endeavour is an exciting experience and a unique opportunity for youth to develop skills for life. Internationally recognised development program builds self-awareness, develops teamwork and leadership skills and fosters a strong sense of community responsibility. 24 youth from across Australia will join each eleven-day voyage during the 2017 program. As members of the crew they will keep watch and take the helm, handle lines on deck, cook in the galley, navigate using the ships charts and climb the 30-metre mast to set and furl the sails.

If this sounds like fun to you please apply at www.youngendeavour.gov.au. Voyage fees and conditions will apply to successful applications. Please apply before April 2017 for the best chance of being drawn for a voyage.



PERMANENT-PART TIME POSITION JUNIOR STAFF MEMBER

Dunmunkle Lodge Inc. is a 36 bed Aged Care Facility in Minyip

We are looking for enthusiastic staff to join our Environmental Services Team working 21 hours per month. Applicants must be 16 years of age.

Successful applicants will be honest, reliable, responsible and be able to work well independently as a part of a team and follow directions.

This position will have a three-month contract review.

Salary and conditions will be in accordance with the appropriate Awards

For further information and a copy of the position description, please contact Dunmunkle Lodge on Ph: 53857463

E-mail: emma.hudson@dunmunklelodge.com.au

Environmental Services Supervisor

Dunmunkle Lodge Inc.

1 McLeod St.

Minyip Vic 3392

Ritchies Supermarket Warracknabeal – Junior staff

Ritchies Supermarket are looking for junior staff to work after school and weekends. To apply for a position please take your updated resume into Les Klemm, Manager at the Supermarket.

Nicole Stewart

Careers/VET Co-ordinator

Structured Workplace Learning



Calendar of Events

March

17 th	Relay for Life Horsham
21 st	Free Dress Day (bring a gold coin donation)
23-24 th	Bridges out of poverty
23 rd	No classes for Yr 7 & 8 (Bridges out of Poverty)
24 th	No classes for Yr 9, 10 & 11 (Bridges out of Poverty)
28 th	WSC Athletics
31 st	Last day Term 1



April

18 th	First day Term 2
20 th	Parent Teacher Interviews
25 th	ANZAC Day (No school)
28 th	WSC X-Country

Community Events

NET SET GO

Get ready, registration will be on FRIDAY

24TH OF MARCH FROM 3.30 PM

Registration is \$65 (includes pack)

Eftpos, cash or chq

Club memberships also available on the night.

For more information

Contact Net Set Go Co-ordinator Gayle Leith 0427 993560

Or Club Sec. Maddie Peters 0400 803408



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

- - - OR

☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
 - this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
 - I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
 - If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
 - information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.
- You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____/____/____